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May 21 – End of the World

According to a California-based Christian group called Family Radio, the world will experience the second coming of Jesus on May 21, 2011. This day will begin the end of the world as we know it.

Family Radio believes that according to hidden facts in the bible, God has chosen this time to give people the knowledge that the end of the world is near. Websites and pamphlets have been created and distributed to warn people of this upcoming tragedy.

This group has even gone so far as to put up billboards along highways in an attempt to inform people of “The Rapture."

The signs say things such as “Save the date!” and “Judgment Day is coming, warn your children!”

Sophomore Kelsey Gove was fortunate enough to see one of these billboards with her own eyes while on a trip with her family.

“At first I was a little freaked out. They don’t usually put things like that on billboards so it was weird. It’s stupid to believe it though. People predict stuff like that all the time,” Gove said.

May 21, they say, will be the day when all who believe in God will be taken into heaven to live in eternal life. All the rest of mankind will be left to endure a five month period of torment on Earth. This time of “torment” is what the conspirators refer to as the judgment of God.

This five month period will include events such as earthquakes shaking the entire earth and the dead being raised from their graves.

To top it all off, just five months after this alleged judgment day a huge fire will engulf the entire universe and all of creation will be destroyed.

Many students are rejecting this rumor because no part of it appears to be true. Sophomore Sarah Kalczynski found the theory more amusing than anything.

“I laughed out loud when I first heard about it. Those people sound crazy! The world isn’t going to end for billions of years” Kalczynski said.

This theory was conjured up by Harold Camping, the leader of the religious group and Christian radio station. Camping had predicted that this same event would happen back in 1994, and to no one’s great surprise, the day went by like any other. Camping then tried to defend himself by claiming that he didn’t have enough information from the bible yet.

But now in 2011, Camping tells the world that he finally has sufficient information from God to assure us that the end of the universe will begin on May 21.

Sure you do, Mr. Camping.

If this theory doesn’t sound ridiculous enough already, remember that assumptions about the end of the world are made almost daily. Every single one from the past has clearly been proven wrong. We’re all still here aren’t we?

There is also the famous theory stating that the Mayan calendar proves that the end of the world won’t come until 2012. Everyone thought this was true just a few months ago, showing that none of these strange predictions are very believable. It’s time for people to stop obsessing over false theories and move on with their lives.

According to hundreds of years of scientific research, we have an incredibly long time until our existence on earth actually ends. These professionals are the people the world should be trusting, not overexcited religious radio stations.